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Future Funding Sources

Background

Conservancy staff has been engaged in an on-going effort to secure funding from sources outside of the General Fund. Staff has been researching various types of funding sources including Federal, State, non-profit, and non-government organizations (private). Staff had been providing a matrix that listed possible funding sources as an attachment to the Executive Officer's Report but at over 30 pages long, the matrix has become lengthy. Going forward staff will provide an update to the Board on newly identified funding sources and any funding opportunities that staff plans on applying for within the next 90 days.

PUBLIC FUNDING

Recently Identified Public Funding Sources

Agency	Program	Description
National Park Service	Land and Water Conservation Fund	Acquisition or development of outdoor recreation areas and facilities. Priority development projects include trails, campgrounds, picnic areas, natural areas and cultural areas for recreational use. Property acquired or developed under the program must be retained in perpetuity for public outdoor recreation use.
Bureau of Reclamation	Water Conservation Education	The purpose is to increase public awareness of efficient water use, in order to reduce competition for the water resources and thus ease the strain on the limited water supply, resulting in increased benefits to the human population, fish and wildlife. This work is to be accomplished throughout the Mid-Pacific Region to benefit the Central Valley Project and public at large.
National Resource Conservation Service	Conservation Innovation Grant	CIG funds projects targeting innovative on-the-ground conservation, including pilot projects and field demonstrations
USFWS – Clean Vessel Act	Clean Vessel Act Grant	CVA provides States with Federal funding (up to 1.5 M) to support their ongoing efforts to improve recreational boating opportunities and provide boaters with the clean, efficient facilities to prevent waste disposal into public waterways and other ecosystems.

Applications Due Within 90-Days

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National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)	Nature Restoration Trust	Seeks to fund projects that benefit fish, wildlife, and plants, as well as provide educational opportunities and encourage community involvement in conservation efforts within the Pacific Gas and Electric Company's service area in northern and central California	02/01/2011
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)	Acres for America	Funding provided to purchase land for habitat conservation or fund conservation easements	4/1/2011

PRIVATE FOUNDATION FUNDING

Thus far in our research, we've identified 109 private foundations that fund the following types of projects: Environment/Water resources, Conservation/preservation, Economic Development, Arts, Museums, Environmental Education, Wildlife, and Land Acquisition. Research shows foundations have greatly reduced their giving budgets in 2009 and 2010. Several look promising, including the Resources Legacy Foundation, a foundation that funnels environment monies to local entities.

We will continue research to fund projects including: recreation, historic/preservation, film/video, as well as identify and continue research on county-specific foundations. Once the Interim Strategic Plan is complete and specific projects are identified, we'll target foundations and begin the next phase of research. As most foundations fund only 501(3)(c) organizations, we are also beginning to identify nonprofits with which we can partner to reach strategic plan goals.